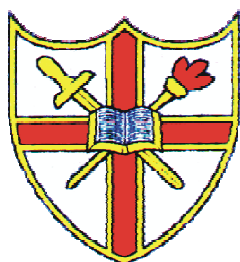


Sounding the Trumpet

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F.E.M.



His NAME is still WONDERFUL!

Yahshua, Yehoshua, Y'shua, Yeshua, Iesous,
Iesus, Jezus, Isa or Jesus?

Some people get uptight about the way the name of Jesus ought to be pronounced and written, but they make a fundamental error, for He knows what we mean when we speak His wonderful name in our native tongue.

Linguistically it is simple to see how the rendering of the Hebrew Y'shua' developed into the English 'Jesus':

Y'shua' (Hebrew)
Ἰησοῦς (Greek)
Iesus (Latin)
Jesus (English)

I do not see any Biblical reason for Christians arguing about exactly how to pronounce Jesus' name or God's name for that matter. When we are told to pray in Jesus' name, it does not mean that we have to pronounce the actual sounds of either name in Hebrew otherwise we are turning it into a kind of magic spell. So while the pronunciations of the name varies from language to language (the Greek form of "Jesus" is very different from the Hebrew), and the precise Hebrew pronunciation of the divine name (the tetragrammaton - YHWH) is unknown, that really does not matter. While it is not a problem to use "Y'shua" or something else instead of "Jesus", it is likely to confuse the people we talk to, who even in the secularised western world have some idea of who Jesus is. In our language, especially with non-Christians and all the more when appealing to them to "be reconciled to God", we need to speak so that they will understand who we are telling them about, otherwise we will sound like members of a weird cult. This means that, when we are speaking to others, we would do best to stick with "Jesus".

Since the New Testament was written in Greek (the common language of the day) rather than Hebrew it would be more Biblically sound to pronounce Jesus as 'Ichthus' instead of Y'shua if we claim that Christians ought to use Scriptural pronunciations of His name.

I found it interesting that when I started going to Albania my name suddenly changed from Gary to Geri (pronounced Geary). I knew they were using my name, so I am absolutely certain the Lord knows His too, even if it is pronounced differently in the multitude of our languages.

While I cannot dismiss the Jewish foundation of Biblical Christianity, partly due to my family heritage - my great, great grandmother was Jewish, I fail to see the need for Gentile Christians to conform to Jewish traditions and ceremonies, something the apostle Paul warns against in Galatians. "Why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?" (Galatians 2:14). I have no problem with Jewish converts maintaining their Jewishness, but we Gentiles have no need to involve ourselves in it other than having a knowledge of what it means in the light of Scripture.

God did not use either the Hebrew or Greek Bible to reach the world during the great revivals, reformation and evangelical missions of the last 300 years. Instead He used the English Bible to bring the Gospel of Salvation to the nations. English, not Greek or Hebrew is the common tongue of the world today - even the Internet largely has to conform to this. There is the notion that today's Judaism is the same as practiced in Bible days and therefore must be a true religion. Modern Judaism is just as much a false religion as any of the others today. Simply put - if it denies Jesus then it is a false religion. So why are some Christians intent on practicing Jewish customs and traditions? "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible

things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers" (1 Peter 1:18). For in doing so they put themselves under the law. "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Galatians 5:4) ... "Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain" (Galatians 4:8-11).

Yes, I'll still wear my Star of David and Y'shua lapel badges, but as for my understanding of the Lord who saved my soul

I know Him best as JESUS! - What a WONDERFUL name!

Gary Hall

The Scapegoat

Leviticus 16v1-10,20-22

How often do we hear or read about someone being made a 'scapegoat'? For example, if something goes wrong with a business, a Government department or perhaps even a sports team, was it really their fault or have they been made a scapegoat? Perhaps a football team manager who has been sacked because the team is struggling. someone usually pays the price with their job or position. But in many cases are they really responsible, or have they just been made a scapegoat? This may seem unfair, but this is the position a scapegoat takes, either willingly or otherwise. He, she or they take the blame for others or suffer in their place.

The origin of this word is in the book of Leviticus. When Aaron cast lots on two goats, one for the Lord and one for the scapegoat.

Levit 16v10 'But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.'

V21-22 'And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness.' This casting lots of goats was one of the services and purifications known as Yom Kippur, or the day of atonement. This is said to be the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar and centres around fasting and prayer.

In Biblical times, the defenseless goat was sent into the wilderness to perish, as if blamed or punished for the sins of others. I believe that this is a 'type' of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is symbolic of the Crucifixion of Jesus as He pays the price for our sin at the cross. Another important point to note is that the scapegoat was put outside the city walls to perish by the religious leaders. Scriptures about Jesus say that He was crucified outside the city walls. The parable of the householder who planted a vineyard explains this - Matt 21v39 'And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.' Other scriptures that confirm the crucifixion of Jesus was outside the city walls are - John 19v20 'for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city.'

This place was called Golgotha, the place of the skull (Calvary is the Latin form of the word), also Hebrews 13v12; 'Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate.'

So we see the similarity, both were to die for the atonement for sin, both were placed outside the city walls by the religious leaders, both were to suffer for the sin of others. But all the sacrifices outlined in the Torah could not 'take away the sin', it could only make reparation, or make amends. We learn about this in Hebrews Chapter 10v4; 'For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.' And in verse 6 - 'In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.'

It is only the Lord Jesus who laid down his life for us. This is why there is no need for believers to make sacrifices anymore. He is the propitiation for our sins (1 John 2v2), that is to bring an agreement of reconciliation, which when you consider the Bible as a whole, isn't that it's purpose- to reconcile man back to God. To appease and pacify the wrath of God towards us. As it states in Romans, Jesus blood brings the 'remission' of sins

Hebrews 10v12; 'But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down at the right hand of God.'

It has been said that after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Jewish leaders sent the scapegoat out of the city walls as usual, but it returned. They then had to modify the law because it came back unharmed. Isn't this interesting, because of course, Christ had paid the price for our sin upon the cross. There was no need to send it out again, but they couldn't see or understand this. Eph. 5v2; 'And hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God.'

William Holman Hunt's, painting 'The Scapegoat' was painted in 1856. The picture was framed with quotations from Isaiah 53, as it is recorded that the artist saw the 'type' of redemptive sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. The artist believed that the view of the scapegoat as a redemptive sacrifice, was linked with the prophetic scriptures in Isaiah speaking of the suffering servant - It's one of the most wonderful passages of scripture in the Bible.

We realize that with these scriptures, we see and read about Jesus all the way through from Genesis to Revelation. He was there at the start and He will be there right at the very end. All the scriptures, Old and New Testament speaks of Him - the suffering servant, the Passover lamb and the 'Scapegoat.'

Richard Hardy

A Messed-up Life ...

then Jesus came and He made the difference

"Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" (John 4:10).

Wherever you look today many people's lives leave a lot to be desired. It is now classed as normal to live lives that are immoral, unethical and indecent. It is also a life of selfishness and materialism and above all it is a completely Godless life as well. To live a moral, upright and God fearing life is not the 'in thing' anymore and

you are told quite clearly and abruptly to 'get a life' because you are old fashioned and living in the past. Well might the Bible say that the devil has blinded the eyes and minds of those who do not believe in God's laws and standards. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (2 Corinthians 4:4). The end result is that millions are living messed up lives and those lives are lived often in terror, turmoil and trauma. In our Bible reading we find a woman who fitted that lifestyle perfectly. But she met Jesus face to face and the transformation He made was out of this world.

Rejected Woman

Of ill repute.

Lonely.

Despised and nobody wanted to know her.

Reckless Woman

She had no regard for her lifestyle and accepted it as the normal way to live.

She stood out from everyone else.

She was desperate, unwanted and unloved.

Responsive Woman

She met Jesus personally.

She listened to His account of her life experiences and was astounded .

She was surprised at how much He knew and wanted to know who He was.

Rescued Woman

She accepted what Jesus said.

She realised who He was and came to Him repentant, receiving forgiveness for her sin.

Later she brought other people to meet Him and they too trusted in Jesus for salvation.

Her life style was so changed and transformed it caused other people to come to Jesus for themselves.

She received everything that God could give through her personal faith in Jesus, things she never had before. Peace, Respect, Satisfaction and Jesus in her life. Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. (John 4:14).

Terry Martin

Jonah

A commentary series by David Moody

1:11. *"Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous."* Now Jonah was at the end of himself, he was the guilty one and began to realise what his sin had brought to others.

He now knew that what he really deserved was to die, so that others might be spared from the judgement of God. Maybe by dying he would escape the call and commission of God, and not have to go to Nineveh, and then that wicked city would get the judgement it deserved. BUT GOD had His plans for Jonah, for the sailors, and for the city of Nineveh!

1:12. *"And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon*

you.” He realised that being the cause of the trouble the only thing to be done was for him to die so that others might live. This brought him respect in the eyes of the sailors because they had never known any in their religion who was so prepared to give his life for them.

1:13. *“Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but hey could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.”* The sailors did not want to take this extreme action so they tried once more to do what they could to save themselves. They just could not throw overboard this servant of the living God. They did not want his death on their consciences. However they were not able in their own strength to save themselves and others.

1:14. *“ Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.”* All that had happened had convinced these men of the Greatness of the Eternal Creator God and in their distress they turned, and cried to Him. Previously they had cried to their own idol gods but now maybe for the first time they are crying out to the Living God. They recognise His sovereignty and submit themselves to His mighty hand and divine will. Thus they prayed for forgiveness for what they were about to do.

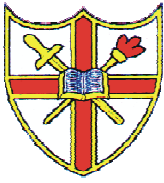
1:15. *“So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.”* The moment that Jonah hit the waves with a big splash they became calm and the wind suddenly stopped blowing and then a thought dawned upon them, THEY WERE SAVED. Not by Jonah but by Jonah's God and that brought a complete peace around them and in them.

1:16. *“Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.”* Jonah had gone. They were not thinking of him or there circumstances any longer, but were fearing and sacrificing to the Lord. They had none to teach them but somehow they knew that God could only be approached through sacrifice. This would speak to us of another sacrifice which was made for us on a cross at Calvary. The heathen sailors had put their faith in another but not only so they made vows, a solemn promise, a pledge of their lives to the Great Eternal God. Jonah was gone and the last view that he gives us of the sailors aboard that ship that came close to floundering, is of a group of repentant, trusting men whose lives are committed by vow to the honour and service of God. Sometime those who profess to be the followers of God are a hindrance to the work of God. So it was in the case of Bartimaeus, the crowds that followed the Lord Jesus and thronged around Him tried to hinder Bartimaeus and keep him away. *“And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: [Luke 18:39] We may be around the Lord Jesus but we need to be reminded that, “..... I know that in me [that is, in my flesh,] dwelleth no good thing.....” [Rom. 7:18]. So that we may be able to say with Paul, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” [Gal. 2:20] This rebellious arrogant, proud old self is the greatest hindrance to the work of God and needs to be put out of the way. Paul says, “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth...” [Col. 3:5]. When this is done then God can get on with His work for the glory of His own great name.*

Church Mice

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Update

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Deepest sympathy to Michael and Ann Hewison and family on the sad loss of their grandson Jayden Michael Zimmerman Rawson who was born sleeping.

Yorkshire Christian Camp was held at Misperton in August with several FEM members David and Marilyn Moody, Terry and Betty Martin, Peter and Ruth Dale working and ministering on camp. Michael and Ann Hewison together with Frank and Dorothy Rowley enjoyed their visit. The gospel was preached and lives were saved in the camp meetings.

FEM Chaplains at the Police Forum

On Wednesday 21 July Terry Martin and Paddy Flynn attended a public meeting with the police forum on the needs of the local community area in South Leeds. It was held at the Hunslet Church of the Nazarene LS10 2QR (FEM Registered Office) and the church was full. It was a lively meeting conducted by an N P T police sergeant who is in charge of our policing. People were very vocal and some got almost angry, but then remembered they were in church, but all ended very cordially. We continue to pray for and witness in the community.

New email address for David Moody: davidmoody1@gmx.com

Prayer

Please keep the work and ministry of FEM in your prayers. Ours is vital for the days we live in. It is our desire to see the ministry grow for the glory of God.

Please continue to pray for the much needed new building for Living Word Bible Church in Liverpool.

There is a path which the vulture's eye hath not seen

There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: (Job 28:7).

There is a path

Scriptures tell us - a secret path, a secure path a selected path. It is not to be found on maps or atlases one cannot locate it on a modern Sat-nav system. However it exists today and will continue to exist for ever.

We are aware of a pathway that born again Christian believer's can know personally, enjoy through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is through total repentance of all known sin and absolute obedience to all teachings and doctrines of Holy Scripture, leading to continuous loyal loving service to our Lord Jesus and His Church on earth, and by taking the saving Gospel to the local community and world at large.

Personal Path and a Privileged Path

We know of many marked paths and various unmarked paths in the Old Testament each leading to the New Testament - twenty three are drawn for us and the majority of the paths

merge into the WAY. The paths became a Person from Nazareth in Israel. His voice filled the villages the towns and the cities of the land with new exciting truth. It was heavenly in content and personal in application to each hearer who had the privilege of listening to and learning from the greatest Preacher on the paths of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Nain and Jerusalem. He sounded the clear beautiful note of the silver trumpet of salvation. His voice of love and authority was as the sound of many waters as he preached by the flowing river of Jordon and the sparkling blue jewel of the Sea of Galilee.

The nature of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, one and equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is a primary doctrine of the Christian church. Thus, Jesus Christ was also the co-Creator of the universe, a prime participant in the entire process of creation. His apostle John phrased this idea in parallel with the opening verses of Genesis 1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:1-3).

The apostle Paul also stated: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him (Colossians 1:16).

He was a preacher who knew the paths of life and the paths of the people and the possibility and the probability of new life in Himself.

The God of Glory had walked down the pathway from the majesty on high and become a baby at Bethlehem, a carpenter at Nazareth and the Saviour of the World at Calvary. Jesus left heaven and lived on earth and His Glory and His inherit power and majesty were seen and heard at that moment of history.

He was a man with a mission walking on the paths with purpose. Jesus was outstandingly successful in what He did, in what He said and in what he accomplished.

Jesus made the dusty roads and pathways into splendid golden highways of Salvation. He transformed old pathways and divided the highways of history into BC and AD. The Holy One of Israel is still writing and making history across the world today.

CHRIST rather than Cameron and Clegg with the con-dem party. Pray for them!

Protected Path and a Precious Path

There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:
This precious path can only be known and experienced by Christians.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Psalm 16:11). Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. (Psalm 119:35) But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. (Proverbs 4:18)

This protected path can be experienced by the Lord's people. Certainly it is protected from the Lammergeyer vulture, at one time the largest vulture in Israel.

It was a killer bird of smaller vulture's, eagles, and hawks, stripping them to the bone and then smashing the bones on rocks for the marrow which was a favourite delicacy for them. This bird also enjoyed eating tortoise. It is said in legend to have dropped one on the head of the poet Aeschylus, which was mistaken for a stone so ending the poetry reading session and ending the life of the popular poet!!

I am so glad to be protected from the vulture and from Satan the adversary of my eternal soul. There is a path for the Christian believer that the vultures have not even seen. It is a protected path of personal progress, of and in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

There is a path - let us walk it together, in fellowship with each member of FEM.

Frank Rowley



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"Here lies the tremendous mystery - that God should be all-powerful, yet refuse to coerce. He summons us to cooperation. We are honoured in being given the opportunity to participate in his good deeds. Remember how He asked for help in performing his miracles: Fill the water pots, stretch out your hand, distribute the loaves" **C.S. Lewis**

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